

IMPORTANT
DECISION

Interstate Commerce Commission Renders It.

WRITTEN BY C. A. PROUTY

Sustains Validity of Differentials in Favor of Baltimore and Philadelphia as Against Boston and New York.

Washington, May 18.—The Interstate Commerce Commission this afternoon rendered its long expected and important decision on the question of freight differentials on goods from interior points for export. It sustains the validity of differentials in favor of Baltimore and Philadelphia as against New York and Boston, but reduces the amount.

Commissioner Prouty prepared the opinion and Commissioner Clements filed a dissenting opinion, opposing the fixing of any differentials by the commission.

CAPTURED THEIR OWN SHIPS.

Japanese Have Blundered for Third Time, One Report Says.

London, May 18.—The Central News says that the steamer Lencluden which was captured by the Japanese south of Korea Monday was Japanese property. This is the third of their own vessels which Japanese warships have seized while they were carrying produce to Japan.

VLADIVOSTOK GARRISON

Numbers 50,000 And Can Hold Out for a Long Time.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The garrison at Vladivostok numbers 50,000 and is well prepared to stand a long siege, if necessary. General Lincovitch is reported to have said that the fortress is prepared to stand a siege for a year.

It is stated that several of the torpedo boats belonging to Admiral Rodjstven'sky's fleet have returned to Libau, Russia, in a damaged condition.

FULLY LADEN.

150 Chinese Junks Were Evidently Under Russian Contract.

London, May 18.—A Hong Kong despatch says that a fleet of 150 Chinese junks, fully laden with provisions for the Baltic fleet, was sighted off St. John island, May 16. The junks were evidently under direct control of Russians.

IS AFLOAT AGAIN.

The Corona Was Not Damaged in Tuesday's Accident.

New York, May 18.—The Cunarder Corona which ran aground Tuesday afternoon a mile off shore at Sandy Hook, while bound for Liverpool, was floated at eight o'clock this morning. The vessel is apparently uninjured and will probably resume the voyage without delay.

"OPEN SHOP" ENDORSED.

National Association of Manufacturers So Vote.

Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—The important features of the second day's session of the National Association of Manufacturers were the addresses made by President Samuel Spencer of the Southern railway and Eugene N. Ross of Massachusetts, the latter on reciprocity; the report of the committee on resolutions which caused a lively debate and the rejection of the portion of the report which called upon the isthmian canal commission to use American made goods in canal construction work.

The resolutions adopted endorsed the "open shop" as embodying the true spirit of American liberty; deprecated "the crimes and outrages on personal liberty daily occurring" during the Chicago teamsters' strike; commended the declaration of President Roosevelt that the state is back of the city and the nation back of the state; commended the position taken by Chicago citizens regarding the strike; called upon the department of commerce and labor to investigate the laws of other countries which have preferential duties and demanding that Congress and the president act quickly to proceed to protect American markets from the rising tide of discrimination; commended the work of the merchant marine commission and approved the passage of a bill for the upbuilding of American shipping in foreign trade.

AN IN AND OUTER.

John F. McQuirk of Rutland Is an Inner at Present.

Rutland, May 18.—John F. McQuirk, who was released from the House of Correction on the 3rd, after serving 10 months of a sentence of not less than 10 nor more than 12 months for breach of the peace, was committed again yesterday morning for the remaining two months by Deputy Sheriff E. S. Whitaker, on the order of Gov. C. J. Bell. This was because of McQuirk's disorderly conduct after he had been released on parole. Within a week after his release McQuirk was arrested on the charges of breach of peace and intoxication being sentenced to eight months on the former and fined \$5 and costs on the latter charge. He was committed to the county jail in default of bail.

VETERAN AND HORSEMAN.

Captain Edward Bowman of Rutland Died Last Evening.

Rutland, May 18.—Captain Edward Bowman, a Civil War veteran and for many years one of the best known horsemen of New England, died suddenly of hemorrhage of the brain at his home at six o'clock last night.

Captain Bowman was born at Manchester 37 years ago. He enlisted in Company E, 9th Vermont, in December, 1863, and was mustered out in December, 1865. During the last eight months of his service he served as an orderly on Gen. O. L. Mann's staff. He was a member of Post Roberts, G. A. R., and served on the staff of Dr. C. F. Branch of Newport, when Dr. Branch was department commander. In 1900 Captain Bowman was chief of police of this city. He came to this city in 1872 and for several years conducted a marble shop. In the early 80's he began breeding horses with great success. Among other fast ones he bred John J., the highest priced harness horse that ever went out of Vermont, Emma B., Katrina by Daniel Lambert and many others. For many years he acted as starter at the Great Barrington, Mass., races and also at other places in Massachusetts, Vermont and New York state.

NOTABLE OCCASION
FOR ST. ALBANS PEOPLE

Celebrated Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary Today and Two of Their Grandchildren Married at Same Time.

St. Albans, May 18.—Today is the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Willett. No formal celebration was held, but it was the occasion of the marriage this morning of two of their granddaughters, Miss Cora M. Willett and Miss Mabel Ellen Willett, the former becoming the wife of Merritt Bullock, of Burlington, and the latter of Silas J. Pelkey of this city. The double wedding took place at Holy Angels church at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Willett is 84 years old and Mrs. Willett 77. They were married at the home of E. G. Whiting in this town by the Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan of Burlington. Mrs. Willett's maiden name was Sophia Archambault and her home was at Missisquoi bay, Philipsburg, Que. Mr. Willett, who has lived in St. Albans since he was eight years old, is a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted in Co. A, 5th Vt. Vols., and participated in several battles, among them being Antietam, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, and Cedar Creek. He was in Gen. McClellan's division.

Mr. and Mrs. Willett has four children, seventeen grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Their golden wedding anniversary was made the occasion of an elaborate celebration. They are very well-to-do people.

E. W. BISBEE A DIRECTOR.

Chosen to Board of Managers of Lake Mansfield Trout Club.

Stowe, May 18.—At the business meeting of the Lake Mansfield Trout club yesterday it was voted to increase the board of directors to 13 members and the following men were elected: C. E. Luce of Stowe, L. Bart Cross of Montpelier, Edward Wells of Burlington, C. L. McMahon of Stowe, L. C. Moody of Waterbury, James M. Boutwell of Montpelier, C. E. Burt of Stowe, Homer C. Brigham of New York, C. H. Cross of St. Johnsbury, M. C. Lovejoy of Stowe, Henry C. Fisk of Morrisville, Milo H. Bidell of Boston, W. E. Greene of Burlington, E. W. Bisbee of Barre and C. W. Page of St. Albans.

The directors then elected the following officers: President, H. C. Brigham of New York; vice president, C. L. McMahon of Stowe; secretary and treasurer, H. G. Thomas of Stowe; auditors, C. L. McMahon of Stowe, C. C. Warren of Waterbury and H. L. Ward of Burlington.

About 125 guests were in attendance at the annual meeting.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Vermont Library Association in Session Montpelier.

The annual meeting of the State Library association was opened at the Kellogg-Hubbard library in Montpelier this afternoon, with E. M. Goddard, the president, presiding. There were various reports and informal discussion of matters, including the dedication of the Memorial library at Bradford. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, E. M. Goddard of Montpelier; vice president, Mary E. Macomber of Montpelier; secretary and treasurer, Edith E. Clarke of Burlington; Miss S. D. Cheney of Rutland, Mrs. Louise L. Boyce of Barre and Miss S. C. Hagar of Burlington to district the state for the purpose of holding meetings.

There are 52 members in the association, and the financial condition was found to be good. The papers which were to have been presented this forenoon were put over until this afternoon.

UTTERED ONE GROAN.

Only Sound to Escape His Lips on Scaffold.

Hartford, Conn., May 18.—For one of the most horrible murders ever brought to light in this state, Gershon Marx, the 73-year-old farmer of Colchester, was executed this morning at the State prison in Wethersfield. The slayer of Pavol Rodeck, his farm hand, at 12:12 was declared dead after the examination of the body by prison physician. Marx made no mention of the crime of which he was convicted. He stepped to the small platform without a flinch and the only sound that came from him was an indistinct groan which he uttered as the rope was tightened about his head after the cap was adjusted.

THE WOMAN
IS HELD.

Herbert Hepler of Deland, Fla. Died in New York.

WOMAN SAYS IT'S SUICIDE

Kepler, Son of Wealthy Man, and Mrs. Dona Miller Elope from Deland Nine Days Ago and Came of New York — Both Had Been Married.

New York, May 18.—Herbert Kepler, son of a wealthy business man of Deland, Florida, was found dead in his room at Herman Sussen's hotel on West 57th street this morning from morphine poisoning. Mrs. Dona Miller, who accompanied him to the hotel nine days ago, was arrested. She says that Kepler committed suicide.

According to her story she left her husband and eloped with Kepler from Deland, Florida, where they were neighbors. Kepler has a wife and two children in Kepler.

HOMEOPATHS MEET.

E. B. Whitaker of Barre Chosen Auditor, Also a Censor.

The 55th annual meeting of the Vermont Homeopathic society of the state is being held in Montpelier. Officers have been elected as follows:

President, Dr. G. G. Hall, South Woodbury; vice president, L. H. Davis, Lyndonville; secretary, G. L. Forbes, Burlington; treasurer, J. F. Shattuck, Wells River; auditor, E. B. Whitaker, Barre; F. H. Everett, James Haylet, Moretown. Legislative committee, F. E. Steele, Montpelier; Sam Sparhawk, Burlington, W. B. Mayo, Northfield, E. B. Whitaker, Barre, G. L. Forbes.

Censors, Edward Kirkland, Bellows Falls, E. B. Whitaker, F. E. Steele. Delegates to the American Institute of Homeopathy, E. L. Wyman and Edward Copeland.

Resolutions were adopted last evening endorsing the work of the State tuberculosis commission and pledging the society as strongly in favor of establishing a State sanitarium for consumptives.

MAY BE CALLED OFF.

Chicago Strikers May Return to Work Soon.

Chicago, May 18.—It is generally understood that the program for calling off the strike has been already arranged.

President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was active yesterday in all efforts made towards settling the strike. He conferred with members of the Team Owners' association, held conferences with the teamsters and had an extended talk with Mayor Dunne. He refused to state the results of his day's work, but expressed himself as confident that the strike shortly would be adjusted.

Little if any opposition was made yesterday by the strikers and their friends as to the making of deliveries by non-union drivers. In fact, the streets had almost assumed their normal condition and there was little to indicate that a strike of such large proportions was in progress.

FELL FROM WINDOW.

Superintendent of Schools Lord of Portland Hurt in Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., May 18.—Orlando M. Lord, superintendent of schools at Portland, Me., fell from a third story window at Commonwealth hotel at 10:30 last night and was taken to the city hospital. He received a fracture of the left wrist, fractures of left arm, left shoulder, left hip, two ribs on left side, cut on right foot and many bruises. His clothes were on a chair, and he wore only nightshirt and undershirt when found. His condition is regarded as very serious at the hospital.

DARTMOUTH WON.

Defeated the University of Vermont at Tennis.

Burlington, May 18.—Dartmouth won the tennis tournament with the University of Vermont, which concluded yesterday, by a score of 9 to 2 points. The tournament, which was originally scheduled to be one of twenty points, was made one of eleven points, owing to the inability of Wallis of Dartmouth to be present. Yesterday's play consisted of a double match, won by Roth and Burtch of Dartmouth from Kirkpatrick and Hulett, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

ATTORNEY DESERTS HER.

Nan Patterson's Lawyer Says He Disapproves of Her Action.

New York, May 18.—Abraham Levy, who defended Nan Patterson during her three trials for the murder of Caesar Young, announced yesterday that he had withdrawn from the case, finally and absolutely. Mr. Levy said he understood that Miss Patterson intended to accept an offer from a theatrical manager and added that he strongly disapproved of such an action.

Association Football.

All teams intending competing for the championship of Vermont may send their names to Jas. F. Bennett, 65 Maple Ave., Barre, Vt., on or before June 1st, 1905. Teams must be in Vermont.

OFFICERS
ARE CHOSEN

Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows Elect For Year.

F. W. JACKSON OF BARRE.

Chosen Grand Marshal — Rebekahs Held a Reception Followed by a Banquet Last Evening.

Burlington, May 18.—A larger attendance was present at the Grand Lodge meeting of the Odd Fellows yesterday, and the deliberations continued until half past six last evening.

The grand lodge degrees were conferred upon 68 past masters. The election of officers of the grand lodge occurred in the afternoon and the result was as follows: Grand master, O. E. Childs of Burlington; deputy grand master, F. A. Robbins of Newport; grand warden, Calvin Endress of Bennington; grand secretary, Col. H. E. Parker of Bradford; grand treasurer, E. P. Adams of Swanton; grand chaplain, the Rev. J. A. Belanger of Wells River; grand marshal, F. W. Jackson of Barre; grand guardian, C. L. Mason of Enosburg Falls; grand herald, R. F. Hatch of Bristol; grand conductor, F. E. Perry of Brattleboro. The officers were installed by retiring Grand Master F. B. Morton and informal remarks were made by many of the brethren present.

The Rebekahs tendered a reception at the Van Ness House last evening, the receiving party being: President, Mrs. Alice Landry of Brattleboro, Vice President Cornelia Bond of St. Johnsbury, Warden Mrs. S. Lavina Webster of Rutland, secretary, Mrs. Louisa Boyce of Barre, Treasurer, Mrs. Ella C. Finney of Lyndonville, Marshal Miss Mabel H. Gleason of Rutland, Conductor Miss Karlene Hutchinson of Bradford, Chaplain Mrs. Emma Gates of Ludlow, Inside Guardian Mrs. Mabel R. Dane of Newport, Outside Guardian Mrs. Susie H. Keach of Brattleboro and Past Presidents Mrs. Minnie S. Havens of Chester Depot, Mrs. Helen K. Stillson of Bennington, Mrs. Mary L. Sanders of Barre, Mrs. Eva M. Hazen of Windsor. The guests were presented by Mrs. Mary Goodell, Mrs. Claire C. Mix, Mrs. Abbie Stinson and Mrs. Fayen C. Riley of Burlington.

After the reception, 162 people sat down to a banquet. The speech of the evening was by Congressman D. J. Foster, who took "Stronger Union" as his subject.

The oldest active Odd Fellow in Vermont is taking part in the various meetings—Newman Weeks of Killington Lodge, Rutland, P. G. and P. G. secretary. Mr. Weeks has been 54 years in the order and was present at grand lodge sessions in 1855. He was born October 25, 1824, and since he was 75 years of age he has been twice elected representative to the grand lodge. In 1903, he served as chaplain of Killington Lodge, and in 1904 as financial secretary of the same lodge. He is in attendance as past grand at the grand lodge now in session.

The Rebekah assembly today closed Odd Fellows week. It was largely attended, Mrs. Alice Landry of Brattleboro, the president, presiding. Mrs. Cornelia Bond of St. Johnsbury was elected president this afternoon. The sessions will close this evening with the excommunication of the Rebekah degree by Antonio Lodge.

The total membership is 4,863, number of lodges 57, donation to Gill Odd Fellows home \$405.30.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

Seventh Annual Session Being Held at Bennington.

Bennington, May 18.—The seventh session of the grand court of Vermont, Foresters of America, opened in Foresters' hall yesterday afternoon. The court is composed of 22 members representing the 18 courts in the state with a total membership of about 2,000.

The hall in which the convention is being held is elaborately decorated with pine trees and boughs, flags, festoons of red, white and blue, and emblems of the order. A conspicuous sight as one enters the room, and directly over the station of the Chief Ranger, are the words in gilt letters, "Welcome F. of A." The charter is suspended in a sightly place and is heavily surrounded in an enclosure of green and small flags. The different stations of the officers are likewise trimmed and no pains have been spared.

The committee from the local court having the entire arrangements in charge is composed of Eugene A. Cranlan, S. H. Rockwood, John A. Ryan, Dr. L. H. Ross, M. H. McKen, James Kelly, Fred Allen, Daniel Merriman, William Houran, Rufus Howard. The principal officers of the court are James Kelly, chief ranger; Daniel Merriman, sub chief ranger.

Last evening the degrees of the order were conferred by the local court in the presence of the grand officers and visiting delegates.

New Drill on Trial.

The Consolidated Lighting Co. is trying out a new electric drill at the Welmore & Morse quarries, which, it is claimed, will effect a great saving of labor. The drill is the product of the Denver Engineering Works Co., which is being used by H. D. Crippin and W. B. Vandellip.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET.

Barre and Philathea Classes of Baptist Church Unite for Good Time.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Barre and Philathea classes of the Baptist church was held in the church parlor last evening, and the occasion was one of great enjoyment to the one hundred people who attended. The party sat down at three long tables, each of which was decorated in a tasteful manner with plants and flowers. Then followed the serving of an excellent banquet, furnished by the Ladies Aid Society. Thirteen young ladies acted as waitresses.

Ample justice having been done to this part of the program, the Barre class held a business meeting and elected these officers: President, L. C. Plaisted; vice president, Daniel A. Perry; secretary and reporter, Quincy H. Perry; treasurer, A. E. Johnson; chairman of membership committee, Clyde W. Perry; of social committee, Frank A. Cragg; of hustlers' committee, J. Begg; of athletic committee, G. R. Lake. They were installed by the pastor of the church. The reports of the retiring officers were presented also. The Philathea class held their business meeting some time ago.

The Rev. W. A. Kinzie was toastmaster for the postprandial exercises, and he filled the position in a capital manner. The two speakers were W. A. Thurston and Fred E. Britten of Boston, vice president and treasurer, and president and general manager, respectively, of the company which is financing the Barre Granite and Quarry company. Both speakers were listened to with close attention, and their remarks were much appreciated. The banquet came to a close with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie," and prayer by William McDonald.

PURSUED BY FIRE FIEND.

Charles Bianchi Met With Another Loss Last Night.

Charles Bianchi of East Barre is beginning to think that he is pursued by the fire fiend, if not by a fire bug. Two days ago his granite plant at East Barre was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. Last night flames destroyed the barn in the rear of his residence, and only by good work was the house saved from destruction. The alarm was given at half past nine o'clock, the fire being discovered simultaneously by several people. The barn was rapidly going up in smoke when the firemen arrived, and they poured water on the house, which is one of three in a row occupied by the Bianchis, and very close to the burning barn. Had there been a wind blowing a serious fire could hardly have been averted, but the firemen succeeded in checking the flames at the barn.

The cause of the trouble is laid to the exploding of a lamp which was used in an incubator.

SUITOR—McAULEY.

Two Young People of Graniteville Married Yesterday.

Joseph H. Sutor and Miss Nellie McAuley, both well known young people of Graniteville, were united in marriage at the Universalist parsonage in this city yesterday, Rev. C. C. Conner performing the ceremony. George Sutor, a brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Miss Johanna McLeay was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Sutor will reside in Graniteville, where he is employed as a quarryman on J. K. Pirie's quarry.

VICTORY FOR GRANITEVILLE.

Defeated the Chelsea Ball Team Yesterday by Score of 13 to 2.

Graniteville, May 18.—In a ball game at Chelsea yesterday afternoon the Woodmen's team of Graniteville defeated the Chelsea team by the score of 13 to 2. Comiskey, pitcher for the Woodmen, struck out thirteen men and gave but four hits. Brodway and Skinner were the battery for Chelsea, and they were whacked twenty times for safe hits. The features were Skinner's double play at third, unassisted, and Finnegan's work at short stop.

TRIED SUICIDE.

Edward Drown of Burlington Was Cut Down in Time.

Burlington, May 18.—Edward Drown, aged 45 years, attempted to commit suicide by hanging, at his home on Battery street, last night. He was intoxicated and had a quarrel with his wife. He told her he was going to do it and then went out in the shed and secured a rope. The family became frightened and called the neighbors. They cut him down in time to save his life.

PNEUMONIA THE CAUSE.

Merton Eastman, Aged 40 Years, Died This Morning.

Merton Eastman, aged 40 years, died at 3 o'clock this morning at the home of James Duncan, where he boarded, after a week's illness with pneumonia. He was employed at Page Bros. Hardware. He was a native of Morrisville but had worked in this city for several years. The funeral arrangements will be completed after relatives in Morrisville have been notified.

DEATH OF MRS. E. S. CHURCH.

Former Resident of Barre Died Last Night at Vershire.

Mrs. E. S. Church, who formerly resided in this city, died last night at Vershire, and the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Church, who was an elderly lady, was engaged as a nurse in this city, leaving about five years ago.

Death of Doris Floribel Wilkin.

Doris Floribel, the five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Wilkin, died today of stomach trouble. Funeral Friday at two o'clock from the house.

GATHERED
ABOUT BOARD

Clerks' Annual Banquet Last Evening.

WAS THE BEST EVER HELD

After Nearly Three Hours of Feasting Large Party Listened to Talks on the Benefits of Unionism — The Officers.

The Retail Clerks' International Protective Association, Local 241, of this city held their annual banquet last evening in the Knights of Pythias hall in the Blanchard block, and never before in the history of the association have they held a more pleasant and successful occasion. At 9 o'clock the clerks, with a few invited friends, sat down to the tables in the banquet hall, and for over three hours enjoyed themselves in a manner long to be remembered. There were nearly 100 present, and as they took their places at the tables each person found a carnation beside his plate. Throughout the evening Gilbertson's orchestra gave a very enjoyable concert, which added much to the evening's entertainment.

The banquet, as prepared by Laird & Wheeler, left nothing to be desired, and was certainly as fine a repast as has been furnished in this city for some time. The menu follows: Queen olives, celery, cold boiled ham, cold tongue, lemonade, consommé soup, plain wafers, baked halibut, tomato sauce, lobster salad, cabbage salad, chicken pie, cranberry sauce, cream mashed potatoes, hot rolls, cranberry beans, corn and peas, strawberries and cream, chocolate cake, sponge cake, cream cake, angel cake, chocolate and vanilla ice cream, tea, coffee, cocoa, milk, oranges, bananas, nuts, raisins, pickles. It was just midnight when the last course was finished and the post prandial report was begun.

President William H. Eager was toastmaster of the evening and performed his duties well. The exercises were very enjoyable. The first person to be called upon to speak was the president of the Central Labor Union, F. F. McCarthy, who presented a strong argument for the value of the union label. The union label, he said, is the silent witness that the article on which it is stamped is made in a union shop by union men and also bespeaks superior workmanship and cleanliness. He said that every store in this city but two were non-union stores and it was the duty of the clerks whenever possible to push the sale of goods which have the union label in preference to any other.

A very pleasing vocal solo was next sung by Miss Rose M. Cook after which George L. Bates spoke very interestingly on co-operation. In the course of his remarks Mr. Bates said that he had already adopted the principle of not keeping his store open on the fifth and twentieth of each month, as the rule now is, and he hoped that the time was not far distant when every store in the city would do away with it, saying that he did not think any merchant in the city would say that he received any particular benefit from keeping open on those two evenings.

After a selection by the orchestra, Philip J. Halvosa responded to the toast, "Unions." His remarks were interesting, being mostly on the true meaning of unionism. The speaker also made a strong plea for the clerks to push the sale of union goods. For every non-union article you pass over your counter, he said, you are wringing a tear from some poor child in the slums of the big cities.

A vocal solo was next rendered by James C. Walker in a pleasing manner. Charles S. Wallace, a charter member of the clerks' union, was the last speaker of the evening. His subject was "Fellowship," one of the words in the English language, he said, that stands for a good deal and is the true spirit which the union must cultivate to bring success to its efforts.

The committee which had charge of the banquet and the members of which are to be congratulated on the success of the occasion, consisted of John E. Wilson, Carroll C. Griswold and Arthur L. Pierce. The clerks' union, organized in the fall of 1898, is a very strong and prosperous union. It has a membership now of 135. The present officers are William H. Eager, president; first vice president, James O. Sowden; second vice president, Arthur L. Pierce; corresponding secretary, George M. Gates; financial secretary, John E. Wilson; treasurer, C. S. Wallace.

GOVERNOR THEIR GUEST.

Nearly 300 People Shook Hands With Bell at Windsor.

Windsor, May 18.—Gov. C. J. Bell and wife and Col. F. S. Billings of Woodstock of the governor's staff, attended the meeting of the Ascutey Grange held last evening. Before the meeting a reception was tendered his excellency, about 300 people shaking hands with the members of the party. There was no speaking but music was rendered during the reception.

BARRE MAN FILES.

Hazen C. Alexander Has Liabilities of \$1,143.29. Assets of \$25.

Burlington, May 18.—The petition in bankruptcy of Hazen C. Alexander, a laborer of Barre, was filed at the district court clerk's office in this city yesterday afternoon. Liabilities \$1,143.29, assets \$25, exempt.